

Letter from Property Owner
Melanie Frost to the CVSP Task Force

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I'm Melanie Frost, a property owner on the east side of Monterey Rd. , north of Bailey Ave. According to the map that I've viewed, there is a proposed parkway going right through 1 acre of my property and an access road going through the other acre, right through my family's home. My children are the 7th generation to live in this part of the Santa Clara valley. My father-in-law, Earl Frost owned 170 acres of prune and walnut trees on the ranch at the corner of Monterey Rd and Bernal until he was forced to sell because of the overpass and homes that are there now. Earl was on the Oak Grove School District board for quite a few years in the 60's and has a school named after him because of his contribution to the farming community in this area of which he was part of. For many years, he had the first and only 3+ acre pumpkin patch in this area where children from surrounding schools came on field trips to pick them out and learn how they grew. When we moved here in 1979, we brought with us the family's 2 story redwood barn, built in the late 1800's with the dream that someday we would rebuild it into a family home for our children and grandchildren. When we realized that development was not possible without sewer and water services, which was promised back in 1959, we had hoped to someday rebuild the barn into a place where we could display and enjoy our antique farm equipment. My husband, Bill, passed away 2 years ago before he could make that dream into a reality. He wanted it to be part of the historical ambiance of the Coyote Valley because he was very proud of his farming heritage. We also moved several palm trees from the old ranch, which are now over 50 feet tall. The same white barn owls that nested in them on the old family ranch are still nesting in them today. I do not want to relocate my family and/or our farm antiques again. I propose that the parkway be moved to the south of our property where there is open land. I can't see any reason why the proposed roadways can't be moved so that my children and future grand children can remain here in the home they were born in. The farm antiques that adorn our home both inside and out are a constant reminder of my children's farming family roots. We have their grand-father's , great grand-father's and other surrounding farmers prune boxes made into book shelves. Their great grand-father was Postmaster at the Coyote Post office for years until his retirement in 1963. That Post office is on display in the San Jose Historical Park. It's all part of the history of this valley that you yourselves are trying to preserve with the unique historic Hamlet of Coyote.

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